

Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory

AFC Status

ATW-1A, 1B, 1C, and 1D Fuel Irradiations

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Current Project Activities

- Basket Material Procurement and Fabrication
- Experiment Analyses
- Advanced Test Reactor Critical (ATRC) Facility—Mockup Test
- Handling Tool and Bucket Fabrication
- Experiment Safety Assurance Package Preparation (ESAP)



Basket Material Procurement

- Material Procured
 - 29 wt% Boron / 6061 Aluminum Billet
 - Material to be Extruded into Twenty-Six 108.5" Tubes
 - Extrusion of Tube Failed (2 Attempts)
 - Extrusion of Rod Successful
 - Rod Extrusion Shorter than Tube Extrusion
 - Vendor Attempting to Gun Drill Rod



Basket Material Alternative

- Alternative Design Using Cadmium Being Investigated
 - Preliminary Analyses Completed
 - Cadmium Vendor Identified
 - Disposal Issues Being Evaluated
 - Fabrication of Baskets Being Evaluated



Experiment Analyses

Borated Aluminum Baskets

Neutronic98% Complete

Thermal90% Complete

Structural90% Complete

- Cadmium Wrapped Baskets
 - Preliminary Physics and Thermal Analyses Complete
- All Experiment Analyses to be Completed by January 31, 2003



ATRC Facility-Mockup Test

- Test Start Planned for February 4, 2003
 - Reactivity Measurements
 - Axial Flux Profile Measurements
 - Azimuthal Flux Measurements
 - Test Plan 95% Complete
- Measurements needed for CSAP and ESAP Development
- Project Currently Able to Meet Schedule to Perform Test



Handling Tool & Bucket Fabrication

- Handling Tool Fabricated
 - Personnel Training Conducted
- Handling Buckets Fabricated



Experiment Safety Assurance Package (ESAP)

- Must be Issued Prior to Test Assembly Receipt Scheduled for March 17, 20003
- 90% Complete
 - Final Experiment Analyses Needed
- Issue For Review On February 13, 2003
- Issue Final On March 14, 2003



Financial Status

•	Actuals	Through January	y 12, 2003	\$258,164
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•	Outstanding	Commitment	S	\$ 28,766

•	Total Obligations	\$286,930
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 Funding Available To-Date 	\$325,920
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• Funding Authorized Through Jan. \$425,920



Financial Issues

AFC-1 Non Fertile Fuel Irradiation

Current Authorized Spending Rate: \$100K/Mo

Total Funding Authorized During CR: \$600K

 To obtain authorization for experiment insertion, Project is required to have sufficient funding to cover IU charges and Project termination cost.

AFC-1 Fertile Fuels Slated for Oct. 2003 Insertion

- Currently No Funding Authorized
- To Meet Schedule, Experiment Analyses Must Begin in April
 - Funding Must be Available in March 2003